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DURHAM, N.H. -- Students in grades 5-10 with an interest in writing are invited to apply to the fourth annual Writers Academy, sponsored by the University of New Hampshire Department of English and the New Hampshire Writing Program.

This year's academy has expanded from one to four sessions to accommodate more students, and includes a special fiction writing seminar for students who have completed grades 9-10. All sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day.

For students in grades 5-6, there will be two sessions, June 25-29 and July 9-13. A session for students in grades 7-8 will be offered July 9-13. Activities include daily writing, reading and discussions in a relaxed yet challenging environment. Students will also publish their own stories and interview professional writers.

The fiction writing seminar for students in grades 9-10 will run July 9-13. Students will write, share their writing in small groups, discuss issues of craft and meet with the instructor, Clark Knowles, for an individual conference. Knowles teaches fiction writing at UNH and is finishing his first novel, "Currents."

The program is designed for students who enjoy writing and keeping journals, and students who prefer reading books to watching television. All interested students are encouraged to apply. Nomination by a teacher is not required.

The deadline to apply is Friday, May 11. The cost to attend is \$125. For an application or more information, call Sue Smith in the UNH English Department at (603) 862-3963.

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